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SWAPPING CAPABILITIES

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Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2004 ("Office Action" hereafter), for the above-captioned application. The communication is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set forth in the Office Action.

Examination of the application on the merits in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested: